

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
Olympia, Washington**

**To:** Licensed Midwives  
Certified Nurse Midwives  
Birthing Centers  
Managed Care Organizations

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Health and Recovery Services  
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<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/contact/prucontact.asp>

**Subject: Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers: Fee Schedule Changes and Updates**

**Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2006**, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2006 relative value units (RVUs);
- The updated Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (MCLFS);
- The updated Medicare Average Sale Price (ASP) drug files;
- Updated coverage policies for certain procedure codes; and
- A one percent (1%) vendor rate increase.

## **Maximum Allowable Fees**

HRSA is updating the Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers fee schedule with Year 2006 RVUs, clinical laboratory fees, and Medicare Average Sales Price (ASP) pricing. The 2006 Washington State Legislature appropriated a one percent (1%) vendor rate increase for the 2007 state fiscal year. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect these changes.

Visit HRSA's web site at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>. To view a current fee schedule, click on ***Provider Publications/Fee Schedules***, then ***Accept***, then ***Fee Schedules***.

Bill HRSA your usual and customary charge.

## **Injectable Drug Updates**

HRSA updates the maximum allowable fees for injectable drugs on a quarterly basis. Current and past fee schedules are posted on HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (Click on Provider Publications/Fee Schedules, then Fee Schedules). All fees have been updated at 106%

of the ASP as defined by Medicare. If a Medicare fee is unavailable for a particular drug, HRSA prices the drug at 86% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP).

## Discontinued and Added Codes

Retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, CPT® codes 99401 (preventive counseling, indiv) and 99402 (preventive counseling, indiv) are discontinued.

Retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, HCPCS codes G0375 and G0376 are added. Smoking cessation services must be billed with these HCPCS codes. Policies for smoking cessation for pregnant women have **not** changed. Please refer to the Billing section within the current *Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers Billing Instructions* for coverage limits and documentation requirements.

Procedure Code	Brief Description	Limitations
G0375	Smoke/tobacco counseling, 3-10 minutes	648.43 (antepartum) 648.44 (postpartum)
G0376	Smoke/tobacco counseling, greater than 10 minutes	648.43 (antepartum) 648.44 (postpartum)

## Place of Service

**Reminder: Effective July 1, 2006**, all claims submitted to HRSA must include the appropriate Medicare **two-digit place of service code**. Claims with a single-digit place of service code will be denied.

## National Correct Coding Initiative

HRSA continues to implement the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) policy. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created this policy to promote national correct coding methods. NCCI assists HRSA to control improper coding that may lead to inappropriate payment. HRSA bases coding policies on:

- The American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) manual;
- National and local policies and edits;
- Coding guidelines developed by national professional societies;
- The analysis and review of standard medical and surgical practices; and
- Review of current coding practices.

HRSA may perform a post-pay review on any claim to ensure compliance with NCCI. Visit the NCCI on the web at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/physicians/cciedits>.

## Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

Attached are updated replacement fee schedule pages and appendix for HRSA's current *Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers Billing Instructions*.

## How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

## How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the **Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda** or **Provider Publications/Fee Schedules** link).

To request a free paper copy from the Department of Printing:

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  - b) If a **Security Alert** screen is displayed, click **OK**.
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**The Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers Fee Schedule  
(previously found on pages F.1 – F.8) is now located in the appendix. To view  
or download the Fee Schedule, click [Appendix](#).**

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Code Status Indicator	Code	Modifier	Comments	Maximum Allowable Fee	PA?	Global Days	Assist at Surg
R	36415			\$2.49		000	N
R	57170			\$57.78		000	N
R	59020	26		\$24.31		000	N
R	59020	TC		\$13.99		000	N
R	59020			\$38.29		000	N
R	59025	26		\$38.00		000	N
R	59025	TC		\$11.18		000	N
R	59025			\$49.63		000	N
R	59400			\$1,937.73		045	N
R	59409			\$966.18		000	N
	59409	SU		\$733.16		000	N
R	59410			\$1,080.64		045	N
R	59425			\$449.78		000	N
R	59426			\$789.58		000	N
R	59430			\$170.35		000	N
	84703			\$8.60		000	N
	85013			\$2.71		000	N
	85014			\$2.71		000	N
R	90371			\$117.36		000	N
R	90471			\$11.47		000	N
R	90472			\$6.65		000	N
R	90708			\$21.81		000	N
N	90772			\$11.47		000	N
R	92950			\$191.47		000	N
R	99211	TH		\$14.80		000	N
R	99212	TH		\$26.28		000	N
R	99213	TH		\$35.71		000	N
R	99214	TH		\$56.12		000	N
R	99215	TH		\$81.38		000	N
R	99347	TH		\$27.75		000	N
R	99348	TH		\$43.80		000	N
R	99349	TH		\$67.64		000	N
R	99350	TH		\$99.97		000	N
R	99354	TH		\$60.31		000	N
R	99355	TH		\$59.62		000	N
R	99432			\$79.45		000	N
R	99440			\$91.49		000	N
	A4261			\$47.00		000	N
R	A4266			\$30.87		000	N
N	G0375			\$15.20		000	N
N	G0376			\$29.96		000	N
R	J0170			\$0.60		000	N
R	J0290			\$2.31		000	N
R	J1364			\$5.80		000	N

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Code Status Indicator	Code	Modifier	Comments	Maximum Allowable Fee	PA?	Global Days	Assist at Surg
R	J2210			\$4.63		000	N
R	J2540			\$0.68		000	N
R	J2590			\$2.26		000	N
R	J2790			\$103.34		000	N
R	J3430			\$2.71		000	N
R	J3475			\$0.14		000	N
R	J7050			\$0.25		000	N
R	J7120			\$0.90		000	N
	S0077			AC		000	N
	S3620			\$64.40		000	N
	S4005			\$366.68		000	N
	S5011			AC		000	N
	S8415			\$45.00		000	N

**Code Status Indicators**

D = Discontinued Code  
N = New Code  
P = Policy Change  
R = Rate Update

**Modifiers In This Fee Schedule**

26 = Professional Component  
TC = Technical Component  
SU = Performed in phys office  
TH = OB treatment/services

**Legend**

AC = Acquisition Cost  
N = No